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The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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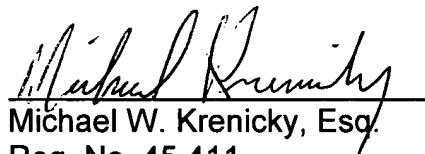
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- To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably
distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable
consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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